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A method and system for managing digital image media files. A server is provided for managing access to a digital image media collection stored on a remote user computer of a user. The digital image media collection has at least one digital media file having at least one image file of a predetermined resolution. The server communicates over a communication network with a user computer that provides initial authorization for managing of the digital images. The system provides automatic controlled access to the at least one digital media file in the user computer without any further authorization by the user.